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ARRIVALS:

1. LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER SALIM AL-HUSS PAID TWO DAY
VISIT TO TRIPOLI BEGINNING DEC. 29. UPON ARRIVAL AT
UQBAH IBN NAFI AIR BASE, LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER INDICATED
THAT PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP WAS TO DISCUSS WAYS OF
REBUILDING LEBANON AND A SEARCH FOR SOLUTION TO THE
LEBANESE CRISIS. PRIME MINISTER AL-HUSS HELD TALKS WITH
LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLUD AND MINISTER OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALI TRAYKI.

2. SDAR PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD AL AMIN OULD AHMAD
PAID APPROXIMATELY SIXTH VISIT OF 1976 TO TRIPOLI
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DEC. 26-29. REBEL PRIME MINISTER GAVE INTERVIEW
TO LOCAL NEWS AGENCY CLAIMING SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL
AND MILITARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS ORGANIZATION AND
GREATER BACKING OF ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

3. LEADER OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF
ZIMBABWE JOSHUA NKOMO PAID BRIEF THREE DAY VISIT TO

TRIPOLI ENDING JAN. 4. DURING VISIT NKOMO MET WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR RCC AFFAIRS TAHA BIN AMER. IN STATEMENT TO LOCAL MEDIA NKOMO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO "PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP OF LAR FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF ZIMBABWE IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACISM." NKOMO INDICATED TO MEDIA THAT IF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA FAILS ESCALATION OF ARMED STRUGGLE WILL BE THE ONLY WAY TO LIBERATION.

DEPARTURES:

4. LIBYAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DR. ALI TRAYKI DEPARTED TRIPOLI JAN. 4 FOR CONAKRY CARRYING A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF COL. QADHAFI TO GUINEAN PRESIDENT AHMED SAKOU TOURE. COMMENT: LOCAL SPECULATION SUGGESTS TOURE MESSAGE FROM QADHAFI AIMED AT SOLICITING GUINEAN PRESIDENT'S MEDIATION ROLE IN LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN DISPUTE. END COMMENT.

5. DELEGATION OF GENERAL LIBYAN-ARAB TRADE UNION DEPARTED TRIPOLI JAN. 1 TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN LUANDA, ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS.

6. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: LIBYAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED JAN. 9 ITS INTENTION TO OPEN LIBYAN EMBASSY IN MANILA. ANNOUNCE-
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MENT ALSO INDICATED THAT RCC RATIFIED CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILIPPINES. AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY HAD ALREADY BEEN RATIFIED BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.

7. NEW AIR ROUTE: LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED DEC. 30 THAT LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES WILL BEGIN DIRECT AIR SERVICE FROM TRIPOLI TO JIDDA AS OF THIS MONTH. MEDIA INDICATES ROUTE ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL AIRLINE IS CONTEMPLATING TO LINK TRIPOLI WITH WORLD CAPITALS.
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